Dear Georgiana your letter to me Oct 23 freighted with birthday greetings and good wishes, came on my birthday and I received it with much pleasure. I assure tou there was nothing as a present that money could buy that I would not much rather you would bestow on your own family than on me but your good will and wishes I kindly accept. We are well as usual. Mrs. Newcomb is sick and all the town have to do their own washing this week. She has nearly done her work I think. I called in to see the ladies in your old home Saturday, went out into the back yard, saw the garden, the berry hedge and the weeds. It does not look so tidy as when you controlled the premises, but the brothers Z. have a full share of the trade and they attend to it and do the work themselves. Mrs. Washburn says Julia Switzer will soon be married to one Major Baker of Waterloo. He has been at the Crystal Springs some time, has a cabinet of curiosities and a fernery of some importance there - says you know of it and about it. She says he is intelligent and a smart, good-looking man, a widower, has a son and a grandchild or grandchildren, is in several different kinds of business -- in the twin yeast business, some government employment, collector of revenue taxes and some other things. He says Julia had rather serve and wait on others than to be waited on herself. He is a man of property and wants her, and her folks all want her to have him. Think she will do well, this is what Nettie tells from her sister Loesa. I am glad indeed you have a good girl to do for you and Augusta will be much help in many ways as she gets older - in case your hired help leaves you will not be alone. Emma Hubbard's thirty-third birthday Oct. 30th, the age of her father when he died.

We have not heard anything of Albert since he left here. Mrs. Compton in the store, she enquired after you. I got another calico dress to make. Have finished the one you partly made for me when you were here, I wish some one would do as much on this one. I shall get it done somehow. Your Pa has gone to bed and I will close -

Much love to Cyrus and all the family -
this from your Mother

Egbert you are doing nicely, tell Augusta to show her hand by writing a long letter to us -
Grandma

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THQ notes:

Julia A. Switzer and Maj. Asa D. Baker were married in Bradford 2 July 1887.